(b) whether Government have any plan to open such Vidyalayas in the regions affected by calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) 493 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are being run by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, which is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. State-wise details are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 205, Annexure No. 1]

(b) As provisions of the Navodaya Scheme, one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya is to be opened in each district.

Scholarship schemes

715. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Merit Scholarship and the National Talent Scholarship Schemes, with the number of beneficiary students and the amount of scholarship released during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether there is a request pending with the Centre for revision in the income criteria and for enhancement of the scholarship amount in relation to current economic situation;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) by when a decision in this regard would be arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Ministry is implementing National Merit Scholarship Scheme, which has two major components *viz.* National Scholarship for Senior Secondary level and above, and the Scholarship at the Secondary Stage for Talented Students from Rural Areas. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to 10,762 meritorious students of rural areas studying in class IX and X and also to 17,000 meritorious students studying at Post-Matric to Post-Graduation level in Government Schools. Colleges and Universities. Amount of scholarship is released as per

request made by the State Governments. The Statement of amount released during last five years, year-wise, State-wise is enclosed in the Statement-I. (*See* below)

The NCERT is also conducting the National Talent Search Examination to identify and nurture talent of students. Under the National Talent Search (NTS) Scheme, 1,000 scholarships are awarded every year. The statement of amount released during the last five years is enclosed in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(b) to (d) The National Merit Scholarship scheme has already been revised and has been notified to States/UTs on 16-02-2005. Under the scheme, the parental income ceiling has been raised from Rs. 25,000/- per annum to Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum. The details of the revised rates of scholarship under National Merit Scholarship Scheme is as under:

(Rs. p.m.)

Name of the Course	Rate of Scholarships
9th & 10th Class (in rural areas only)	250/-
11 & 12th Classes of 10+2 pattern/Intermediate	300/-
B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B. Archeology etc. courses of Graduate level	500/-
Scholarship at Post-Graduation level/B.E./B.Tech./ M.B.B.S./L.L.B./B.Ed./Diploma in Professional and Engineering Studies/Diploma in Hotel Management Course/Diploma Course in Homeopathy/B.D.S.	750/-

Under NTS scheme of NCERT, the scholarship amount is Rs. 200/- per month for +2 stage, Rs. 300/- per month for undergraduation and Rs. 500/- per month for postgraduation. In addition, a book grant of Rs. 500/- per annum is given at +2 stage and Rs. 1000/- per annum to undergraduates and postgraduates. The annual parental income ceiling for full rates of scholarships is Rs. 1.50 lakhs. For annual parental income above Rs. 1.50 lakhs, 50% of the full rates of scholarship is paid.

Statement-I

Grant released to the States/UTs under national scholarship scheme and the scheme of scholarship at the secondary stage for talented children from rural areas

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UTs.	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Punjab	—	—	10.00	11.85	12.00
2.	Rajasthan	—	—	12.39	—	—
3.	Tripura	0.56	0.81	0.04	0.55	1.27
4.	Uttar Pradesh	6.41	—	—	—	8.42
5.	West Bengal	20.00	1.24	—	—	—
6.	Chandigarh	—	1.92	—	1.52	—
7.	Daman & Diu	0.20	0.31	0.23	0.35	0.24
8.	Pondicherry	—	0.71	0.51	0.57	0.20
9.	Andhra Pradesh	37.89	—	—	—	—
10.	Delhi	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.22	0.26
11.	Goa	0.12	—	—	—	0.34
12.	Haryana	—	1.12	0.42	0.96	0.63
13.	Madhya Pradesh	—	—	—	—	23.23
14.	Maharashtra	—	—	—	—	15.95
15.	Manipur	—	—	—	—	1.33
16.	Meghalaya	—	0.04	—	0.29	0.33
	TOTAL	65.27	6.24	23.69	16.31	64.20

Statement-II

Grant released under national talent search (NTS) scheme

Year	Amount
2001-01	Rs. 1,37,00,000/-
2001-02	Rs. 1,11,60,159/-
2002-03	Rs. 1,25,33,094/-
2003-04	Rs. 1,18,66,704/-
2004-05	Rs. 1,14,36,314/-

***NTS is a National level scheme and NCERT does not pay State-wise.**